

Dear Honored Chairs Senator Needleman and Representative Arconti and Distinguished Members of the Energy and Technology Committee,

The global scientific community is in total agreement: we must act decisively to combat the devastating effects of climate change. HB 5002, otherwise known as the Green New Deal, is Connecticut's chance to advance a program which matches the scale and urgency of our climate crisis. Through policies which encourage renewable energies, green public transit, sustainable agriculture, coastal adaptation, and energy efficiency, the Green New Deal will match climate change's vigor and ferocity.

Simultaneously, the Green New Deal promises to promote equity, create jobs, ensure a just transition and include historically marginalized groups in decision-making processes.

HB 5002 is a historic opportunity. With this bill, Connecticut can cement its position as a clean energy leader and help the least fortunate among us.

Thank you for considering my testimony as you deliberate on this bill.

Sincerely,
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